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**GROUP 3600****EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
GROUP ART UNIT NO. 3627****PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No. 09/393,482 Group Art Unit No. 3627  
Filing Date: September 10, 1999 Examiner: Teri Luu  
Inventor: Jerry Chisnell  
Title: REINFORCEMENT FOR A HOSE COUPLING

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

To highlight the distinction of the above referenced invention over the  
prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of October 22, 2001,  
Paper No. 10, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**In the Claims**

Please amend the Claims 1 through 5, 11 and 12 as follows: